

Lafayette County Commission On Aging Advisory Committee
Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2012

Lafayette County Human Services provides an array of cost effective, quality services, and community-based support for individuals and families to improve their quality of life.

Advisory Committee members present: John Bartels, Mary Jo Finkenbinder, Carol Korn, Chris Parkinson, Leean White, Leon Wolfe

LCHS staff present: Kate Chambers, Kristine Brunkow

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order by Leon Wolfe at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was properly posted at the Courthouse, City Library, Lafayette County Human Services and e-mailed to The Republican Journal. The Committee welcomed Mary Jo Finkenbinder to the Commission On Aging Advisory Committee who was appointed by Jack Sauer at the September 18th County Board Meeting for a three year term.
- B. Motion by Carol Korn, second by Chris Parkinson to approve the agenda as posted; carried.
- C. Motion by Carol Korn, second by Leean White to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting as printed; carried.
- D. Motion by Carol Korn, second by Leean White to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2012 Public Hearing meeting as printed; carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. No public comments were submitted.

III. Monthly Reports:

- A. **Driver Escort**-The month of July had 10 drivers for a total of \$1,228.01 and the month of August had 8 drivers for a total of \$958.94.
- B. **Transportation**-The month of July had 7 shopping trips and the month of August also had 7 shopping trips. There were also trips for the Manor Fair Ride, Sienna Crest Fair Ride, Tour of Lafayette and Manor ride in August to see the changing color of the leaves.

Bus fuel for July was \$816.99 and August was \$794.63, with a repair at Virtues for one of the buses totaled \$212.60.

Ms. Chambers stated all drivers of the buses received CPR training; the fee for the training was \$75.00.

- C. **Home Chore Program**-There was 19 clients served in July and 20 clients served in August. Ms. Chambers reported the Home Chore Program received one referral from the Family Services Unit to provide an individual education on how to clean their house.

D. **Upper Horizon**-The July newsletter cost \$800.41 and the August newsletter cost \$201.74. Ms. Chambers stated Sue Elzen continues to send "Thank Yous" to businesses which advertise in the Upper Horizon on a quarterly basis. Ms. Chambers stated she called the Shopping News regarding delivery issues in the Darlington area (Ohio and Keep Street in August.)

E. **Alzheimer & Dementia Alliance**-The month of July had disbursement of \$2,028.10 (for the months of April, May and June). Deanna Truedson will offer a Legal and Financial Planning Seminar – November 6 and November 13 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Talmer Bank in Darlington. Notices will be published in the Republican Journal and Upper Horizon.

F. **Lafayette County Nurses**-The August billing was for the months of April, May and June and totalled \$3,373.48.

Medical Alerts-The month of July costs for medical alerts were \$569.00 and the month of August were \$540.55.

G. **ADRC**

Elder Benefit Specialist-The EBS worked with 29 individuals in the areas of Legal/Benefit Assistance and Financial Impact. Monetary impact benefits \$114,962.75. The EBS has been busy with Medicare Part D. Open enrollment for Medicare Part D ends on December 7th. Ads have been placed in the Shopping News and Upper Horizon regarding open enrollment.

Ms. Chambers wrote a grant request for \$1500 from GWAAR to go towards the EBS's wages regarding the Medicare Savings Programs..

Disability Benefit Specialist-the DBS has been working with 36 individuals in the areas of Medicaid, SSI/SSDI eligibility. Monetary impact benefits \$65,511.00.

Ms. Chambers reported the ADRC's telephone contacts doubled in the month of July. The ADRC will be placing radio ads to promote the ADRC along with putting up billboards at various locations throughout Lafayette County and neighboring Counties.

Ms. Chambers stated the ADRC has provided cloth grocery bags for the smaller grocery stores/gas stations with information about the ADRC in the grocery bags.

IV. **SUN Program Report**-Cecile from the SUN Program went before the Lafayette County Board requesting an additional \$23,360 from Lafayette County Tax Levy along with the \$25,000 revolving loan they already receive from Lafayette County. The request was approved, but Ms. Chambers indicated her concern that the funds are listed as a line item under the Aging Budget; which is not what the Commission On Aging Advisory Committee recommended.

V. **Director's Report**

A. Ms. Chambers stated Leean White will be attending the Statesmanship Advocacy Training in Madison in January (it has been postponed two times).

Ms. White recently attended the Wisconsin Aging Network Conference in September and enjoyed the conference. One of the sessions Ms. White attended was on Time Banking. She had a handout that will be sent to all committee members next month for further discussion.

- B. Ms. Chambers stated she received a letter from the Department of Transportation on October 2, 2012 that Lafayette County will be awarded two buses paid at 80%. We will be getting one large and one medium bus; one will be gas and other will be diesel. Ms. Chambers reported she has been in contact with Jack Sauer regarding possible storage options for the new busses.
- C. Taking Care of You: Powerful Tools for Caregiving currently being held in Platteville with Lafayette County individuals – started September 25th.
- D. Caregiver Renewal Day is scheduled for November 15, 2012 in Platteville, WI.
- E. Grow Southwest Wisconsin, which includes the counties of Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland Counties are forming a three-year planning project to identify how we can best position the region for the future. The topics include agriculture, education, transportation, housing, utilities and energy, business and industry, health and social services, culture and creativity, and nature and environment.
- F. The 85.21 Plan is due December 31, 2012. Public Hearing will be scheduled in November.
- G. LogistiCare-Discussion regarding problems and complaints with LogistiCare.

VI. ADJOURN

- A. The next meeting was set for **Monday, November 26 at 1:15 p.m. The Public Hearing for the 85.21 Plan will be held on the same day at 1:00 p.m.**
- B. Motion by John Bartels, second by Chris Parkinson to adjourn at 2:10 p.m.

Reviewed by  11-26-12
Kate Chambers, ADRC Manager Date

Approved by  11-26-12
Leon Wolfe, Chair Date